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COMMERCE PASS TO MR. STRAUSS LEON

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SUBJ:NATO SATCOM III PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

IN RESPONSE TO USNATO INQUIRY REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING
REQUIREMENTS IN THE INVITATION FOR BID, NICSMA HAS PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING, CITE CB/5052/JAS/133/607, DATED 17 DEC 76:

BEGIN TEXT:

REFERENCE:USMISSION LETTER INFRA 2423/76

DEAR MR. LOVELAND,

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF 29TH NOVEMBER, 1976
AS REFERENCED ABOVE.

THE ISSUES WHICH YOU RAISE IN YOUR LETTER ARE BEING RE-
VIEWED BY OUR STACOM PROJECT TEAM. IN PARTICULAR, THE EN-
VIRONMENTAL TESTS AS CURRENTLY SPECIFIED IN THE SATCOM III
IFB ARE BEING VERY CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTION
OF THE LEVEL OF EFFORT IN THIS AREA. THIS IS BEING DONE IN
RESPONSE TO YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND SEVERAL QUESTIONS IN THIS
AREA RAISED DIRECTLY BY THE BIDDERS.

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THE CRITERIA OF THIS REVIEW IS TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM
MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS
VIS-A-VIS THE ANTICIPATED OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS. IN SHARING
YOUR CONCERNS OF THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING ON OVERALL
SYSTEM COST AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE, YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT ANY
UNNECESSARY TESTING WILL BE ELIMINATED DURING THIS REVIEW.
THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW ALONG WITH ANY CHANGE TO THE
SPECIFICATION NECESSARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BIDDERS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RE-EMPHASISE THE PROVISION OF PARAGRAPHS 10.1.3 AND 10.1.4, PART IV IN BOOK 2 OF 6 OF THE IFB, APPLYING TO THIS AREA. IT IS THE INTENT OF NICSMA THAT IN REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING THAT THE BIDDERS DEMONSTRATE THE COMPLIANCE OF EQUIPMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS. WHERE SUCH EQUIPMENT HAS IN THE PAST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SUCH TESTING, THE BIDDER MAY INTRODUCE AUTHORITATIVE DOCUMENTATION OF THIS IN HIS BID. IF NICSMA IS SATISFIED WITH THE EQUALITY OF THE PREVIOUS TEST TO THE NICSMA ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION (NGTS-40 STANDARDS) IT SHALL NOT BE NECESSARY TO RE-TEST FOR THESE UNDER THE SATCOM III CONTACT.

THE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE, AS SPECIFIED IN THE IFB IS NOT ANTICIPATED TO CHANGE; HOWEVER, THE BID SUBMISSION DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1977 AND QUESTIONS MAY BE ASKED BY THE BIDDERS TO BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1977. BIDDERS ARE BEING NOTIFIED OF THIS CHANGE UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
YOURS FAITHFULLY,
/S/ K. MINDNER
COL, GE A
CHIEF, CONTRACTING BRANCH
END TEXT.

REQUEST YOU PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL US BIDDERS. THE US NATO REFERENCE IS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSES. STRAUZ-HUPE
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